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SUBJECT: CODEL SMITH

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1. AS REQUESTED IN REFTTEL, THE FOLLOWING IS A
REPORT OF THE VISIT OF CODEL SMITH JANUARY 12-14,
1978:

2. CODEL SMITH ARRIVED TORREJON AB NEAR MADRID AT
APPROXIMATELY 1250, 12 JANUARY 1978. IMMEDIATELY
AFTER ARRIVAL THE GROUP RECEIVED BRIEFINGS FROM
16AF AND 401TFW. DURING THE ENSUING DISCUSSION
PERIOD, MEMBERS OF THE PARTY ASKED DETAILED QUESTIONS
ABOUT FUNDING FOR BASE OPERATIONS; AIRCRAFT ASSIGNED,
AND WHETHER OTHER TYPES WERE PREXQRRED; PROBLEMS
STEMMING FROM GREEK-TURKISH POLITICAL DIFFERENCES;
AND THE LIKELIHOOD OF SPAIN'S ENTERING NATO.
AFTERWARDS THE CODEL TOURED TORREJON AB FACILITIES.

3. ON 13 JANUARY THE CODEL RECEIVED AN EXTENSIVE
BRIEFING AT THE EMBASSY FROM THE AMBASSADOR.
SE OR EMBASSY OFFICERS FROM ALL MAJOR SECTIONS
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WERE PRESENT TO ASSIST AND ANSWER QUESTIONS. MAJOR
POINTS OF THE AMBASSADOR'S BRIEFING FOLLOW:

--SUMMARY OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THE DEATH
OF GEN. FRANCO, INCLUDING ADOPTION OF THE POLITICAL
REFORM LAW, LEGALIZATION OF FREE POLITICAL PARTIES
AND TRADE UNIONS, AND THE CELEBRATION OF FREE

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS IN JUNE 1977.

--REVIEW OF MAJOR PENDING DOMESTIC SPANISH ISSUES, PARTICULARLY THE DRAFTING OF A NEW DEMOCRATIC CONSTITUTION, REGIONALISM, LABOR PLANT ELECTIONS, AND THE FUTURE ROLE OF THE SPANISH MILITARY.

--ANALYSIS OF THESE ISSUES FROM THE STANDPOINT OF US FOREIGN POLICY, WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO SPAIN'S ROLE AS A MAJOR US TRADING PARTNER, THE US-SPANISH MILITARY RELATIONSHIP AND PROSPECTS FOR SPAIN JOINING NATO.

AFTER COMPLETION OF THE FORMAL BRIEFING, CODEL MEMBERS REQUESTED AND RECEIVED FURTHER INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

--EUROPEAN SUPPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL SPANISH POLITICAL PARTIES.

--POLITICAL ROLE OF THE SPANISH CHURCH.

--"LINKAGE" BETWEEN SPANISH E.E.C. AND NATO ENTRIES.

--ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES TO THE US OF SPANISH ENTRY INTO THE E.E.C.

--CONSEQUENCES OF US NON-PROLIFERATION POLICY ON SPANISH NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAM. (CONGRESSMEN BEVILL AND WYDLER REPORTED A "SOBERING" INTERVIEW THE PREVIOUS AFTERNOON AND OPINED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT SPAIN WOULD TURN TO FRANCE RATHER THAN ACCEPT TIGHTENED US CONTROLS).

--CURRENT DISPOSITION OF SPENT FUEL FROM SPANISH REACTORS.

--EFFECT OF INCREASING ENERGY COSTS ON SPANISH EXPORTS.

--ECONOMIC RATIONALE BEHIND RECENT CONSTRUCTION OF OIL REFINERIES IN SPAIN.

--SPANISH ATTEMPTS TO REDUCE PETROLEUM CONSUMPTION.

--TYPES OF AIRCRAFT USED BY THE SPANISH ARMED FORCES.

--THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION MOVEMENT IN SPAIN.

--DRUG TRAFFIC THROUGH SPAIN, AND THE ROLE OF DEA HERE.

--UNEMPLOYMENT, AND POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES THEREOF, IN SPAIN.

THE EMBASSY PREPARED AND DISTRIBUTED TO THE CODEL BRIEFING MATERIALS ON EMBASSY OPERATIONS AND ACTIVITIES.

5. AFTERWARDS MEMBERS OF THE CODEL TOURED THE EMBASSY, (INCLUDING C&R SECTION) OBSERVING THE VARIOUS SECTIONS AT WORK AND QUESTIONING INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS. ON THE TOUR THE MEMBERS WERE ABLE TO SEE THE RESULTS OF THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE ANTI-TERRORIST PROGRAM. INFORMAL DISCUSSION OF MANY OF THE ISSUES RAISED

DURING THE MORNING CONTINUED AT A LUNCHEON HOSTED BY THE AMBASSADOR, WHERE THE REPRESENTATIVES WERE ALSO ABLE TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH LEADING MEMBERS OF THE US BUSINESS COMMUNITY IN MADRID.

6. CONG. BEVILL, MEMBERS OF CODEL STAFF, AND EMBOFF MET WITH LUIS MAGANA, SPAIN'S ENERGY "CZAR" (COMMISSIONER FOR ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND ENERGY).

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CONG. BEVILL, WYDLER AND MILLER TOURED THE INTA STATION (SPAIN'S NASA), AND CONG. BEVILL AND WYDLER VISITED THE JUNTA ENERGIA NUCLEAR (NUCLEAR ENERGY COMMISSION) FOR BRIEFINGS.

7. CONG. O'BRIEN, ACCOMPANIED BY AN EMBASSY OFFICER, VISITED DR. BOTELLO, NATIONAL SOCIAL SECURITY RESEARCH CENTER, FOR A BRIEFING ON THE STATE OF THE ART OF SPANISH RESEARCH IN IMMUNOLOGY.

8. THE AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE GAVE A BRIEFING TO CONGRESSMAN ANDREWS ON SPANISH AGRICULTURE AND US AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS TO SPAIN. AT THE LUNCHEON HE ALSO BRIEFED CONG. SMITH, O'BRIEN AND MILLER ON THESE SUBJECTS.

9. THE CODEL DEPARTED MADRID ON THE MORNING OF JANUARY 14. STABLER

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